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Congresswoman Carolyn Bourdeaux
U.S. House of Representatives
Georgia's Seventh District

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write to share my comments regarding the Administration's deployment of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure [FHWA-2021-0022].

As a Member of Congress representing Georgia, I was proud to join colleagues on both sides of the aisle in supporting the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure. I am particularly excited about the establishment of dedicated funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure through the National Electric Vehicle Formula Program and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program. These formula and discretionary funding sources are past-due investments in solutions to the ongoing climate crisis, and promote reliable, convenient, and sustainable transportation.

Georgia is home to many of the leading innovators in the clean energy industry. I believe this dedicated EV infrastructure funding is a critical investment in sustainable jobs and will help my state meet the Administration's carbon neutrality goals. I further encourage you to utilize renewable energy sources to power charging and energy storage to the greatest extent practicable.

As the Administration continues to develop the EV funding programs, I encourage you to invest in projects that increase equity, accessibility, long-term sustainability, and to the extent possible, promote American-based manufacturing. Additionally, I encourage you to prioritize the consumer experience and ensure it is easy, consistent, and mirrors the current experience at the pump. It is critical that this funding gets out the door quickly so that we can make electric vehicles accessible for as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

My office is eager to see these programs implemented and stands ready to assist you and the Administration in any way possible. I look forward to continuing to work together to promote clean energy and a sustainable future. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Bourdeaux
Member of Congress